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In re Application of:

Gerald D. Pedersen, et al.

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For: Plug-Dropping Container

For Releasing A Plug Into

A Wellbore

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant, Weatherford/Lamb, Inc., presents this Preliminary Amendment to the above-pending Patent Application. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78 for the purpose of correcting the filing date given for the parent application. The typographical error occurred in the section of the Patent Application entitled "Related Applications." Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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